

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Division of Special Education**

Organizational Chart

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Melodie A. Friedebach, Assistant Commissioner

Dale Carlson
Coordinator
Administration

Assists the Assistant Commissioner of Special Education in implementing programs assigned to the Division. Responsible for fiscal management and accountability for the division's services and programs. This position directly supervises the sections of Funds Management, Data Coordination and Sheltered Workshops.

Charlie Taylor
Superintendent
State Schools for
the Severely
Handicapped
(SSSH)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the (SSSH), a system of day schools providing special education services to students who are severely handicapped. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the SSSH. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the SSSH.

James W. Sucharski
Superintendent
Missouri School for
the Blind
(MSB)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the (MSB), a residential and day school providing special education services to students who are blind and visually impaired. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSB. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSB.

Barbara Garrison
Superintendent
Missouri School for
the Deaf
(MSD)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the (MSD), a residential and day school providing special education services to students who are deaf and hearing impaired. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSD. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSD.

Pam Williams
Coordinator
Services

Assists the Assistant Commissioner of Special Education in implementing programs assigned to the Division. Responsible for compliance and professional development activities associated with all programs assigned to the Division. The position directly supervises the sections of Compliance and Effective Practices.

**Heidi Atkins
Lieberman**
Legal Counsel

Serves as counsel to the Division, which includes MSD, MSB and 37 schools of the SSSH. Has responsibility for all legal issues arising for the Division, including, but not limited to, those relating to compliance with IDEA as well as any legal issues which arise in the operation of the three state board operated school programs, including, but not limited to, the following areas of law: employment, contract, probate, hazardous waste/toxic substances, general school law, municipal law. Acts as the litigation liaison between the Division and the AG's office for the litigation involving the Division. Provides legal advice to the department on human resources/employment law issues.

Joyce Jackman
Coordinator
Early
Intervention
Services

Provides supervisory and administrative functions necessary to plan, organize, and coordinate all aspects of programs and services for individuals with disabilities. Serves as the Division's primary contact for the coordination of all functions associated with First Steps. Serves as the primary point person to assure priorities and timelines are established and that implementation of those priorities is accomplished. Works closely with the Administration Coordinator and Service Coordinator as well as the directors of each section to implement all aspects of First Steps.

Linda Sneller
Director
Funds Management

Vacant
Assistant Director
Funds Management

Mary Corey
Director
Data Coordination

Fulvio Franzi
Director
Sheltered Workshops

Vacant
Assistant Director
Compliance

Margaret Strecker
Director
Compliance

Susan Borgmeyer
Assistant Director
Compliance

Kate Numerick
Director
Effective Practices

Julie LePage
Assistant Director
Effective Practices

Dee Ragsdale
Assistant Director
Effective Practices